

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the present Abstract with the following Abstract:

b' ~~A face mask for filtering contaminants from the air. The face mask includes a harness for securing the mask over the nose and mouth of the wearer and a nonwoven fibrous layer attached to the harness. The nonwoven fibrous layer contains at least 40 weight percent thermally bonding fibers, where at least 10 weight percent of the fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer are bicomponent fibers. The nonwoven fibrous layer is molded in a cup-shaped configuration and has a surface fuzz value of not less than 7.5 after being subjected to a surface fuzz abrasion test.~~

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly add the following claims.

~~--30. The face mask of claim 25, wherein the bicomponent fiber content is at least 20 weight percent.--~~

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b' ~~--31. The face mask of claim 25, wherein the surface fuzz value is not less than 8.4.--~~

~~--32. A fibrous filtration face mask, which comprises:
(a) a harness; and
(b) a nonwoven fibrous layer attached to the harness and containing at least 40 weight percent thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer, at least 10 weight percent of the fibers in the nonwoven layer being bicomponent fibers, the nonwoven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped configuration and having a surface fuzz value of not less than 7.5 after being subjected to a surface fuzz abrasion test.--~~

~~--33. The fibrous filtration face mask of claim 32, wherein the nonwoven fibrous layer contains at least 20 weight percent bicomponent fiber and the surface fuzz value is not less than 8.4 after being subjected to a surface fuzz abrasion test.--~~